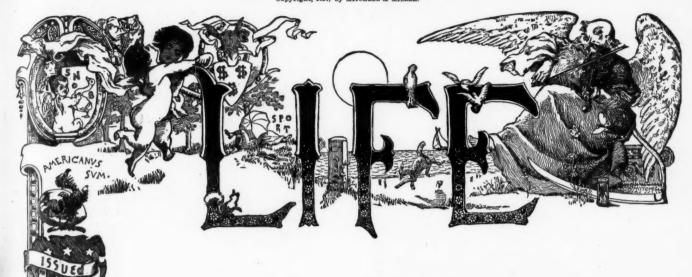
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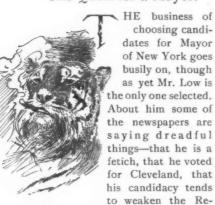
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The Quest for a Mayor.



publican organization, both State and Federal, and also the State and Federal Democratic organization. It is also asserted that he is not the only man in New York who is fit to be Mayor, and LIFE trusts that that is true. Nevertheless he seems to bear up well, and there is no reason to believe as yet that the Citizens' Union could possibly have found a better candidate, or that its nomination was made too early. New York knows more about the advantages of good government than it did, and there is fair reason to hope that it will profit by its experience.



Is General Collis Doing His Best?

ENERAL COLLIS, of the De-

street: more difficult than was antici- to know! pated, because of the blind and inadequate way the street had been dealt with heretofore. This time everything that ought to be under the pavement-sewers, water-mains, and every legitimate pipe-is being placed there, so that when the street is finally paved it may be expected to stay so for a long time. And he says it ought to be finished by the first of November. This seems almost too good to be true.



Gallinger's Scathing Reply.

GRAND example of a scathing letter is that lately addressed by Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire to Mr. Carl Schurz. Senator Gal- and especially regulars, are far more linger has views as to the inexpedi- efficient in dealing with mobs than ency of Civil Service Reform which sheriffs' posses. Being disciplined he lately wrote out at some length men, under command of experienced and published, a month or two after officers, they can usually maintain the adjournment of Congress, in the order without shedding blood. It is Congressional Record. Mr. Schurz a great pity that there were no availreplied to Senator Gallinger's piece able troops at Lattimer, but since in an article in defense of Civil Ser- there were not, and the Sheriff did vice Reform, in which he controverted his best, there is nothing for it but sundry of Senator Gallinger's allega- to back him up, condone his indistions. Senator Gallinger's reply is cretion if he was indiscreet, and adthe scathing open letter aforesaid. mit that he did his duty. Whoever He has a lot to say about Mr. Schurz. stands honestly as an officer of the He speaks of his swagger and brav- law for law and its enforcement, is ado, of his boundless egotism, of his entitled to have the support of the ill-mannered and inconsequential public; whoever opposes or defies the letter, of his political obscurity, his law does it at his own risk. LIFE isyearning for notoriety, his flippancy, sorry for the striking miners and dehis coquettishness, and other blem- plores the killing of any of them, ishes. These allusions are admirably but the Sheriff must be sustained. scathing, and yet a letter made up A Sheriff inexperienced in warfare, of them is not so illuminating as it with a lot of armed deputies under should be. We all know a good slight discipline, makes a very dandeal about Mr. Schurz, but few of us gerous combination which all citizens, know anything about Senator Gal- law-abiding and law-defying, are earpartment of Public Works, de- linger. Senator Gallinger must nestly recommended to avoid.

nies that he tore up Fifth Avenue know all about him. If, instead of expressly to inconvenience the people describing Mr. Schurz, he had told of New York, and is keeping parts of us the chief descriptive facts about it still in disorder to spite them fur- Gallinger, how much more instructher. He declares that a huge and tive and satisfactory he would have difficult job is being done in that been! Try again, Senator. We want



Sheriff Martin's Shooting Scrape.

HERIFF MARTIN, of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, has received much unfavorable notice during the past fortnight because a body of deputies, whom he had assembled to restrain the turbulence of a roving band of striking Hungarian miners. came to blows with the strikers and fired upon a mob of them, killing a score and wounding many more. The precise circumstances of the case are obscure. Whether the firing was necessary may be doubtful, but there does not seem to be any doubt that the Sheriff was doing his best to maintain order. Soldiers,

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Á La Mode.

HE trees of Paradise were all hedecked

In leaves and flowers. The birds wore plumage gay;

The ground itself was clothed in green the day

That Mistress Eve appeared, and all, except

The bride herself, were stylishly arrayed-

Canst wonder, then, the lady was dismayed?

A gorgeous butterfly laughed Eve to

A green and scarlet paroquet, for sooth, Did try to patronize Madame. In truth, They told her pointedly skin wasn't worn. So, when the tempter came, and talked

Eve ate the fruit-and set the first "Fall" style.

Lawrence K. Russel.

HE JUDGE: What made you so certain that you had the right of way?

THE DRIVER: Sure an' my wagon was the heaviest, yer honor.

LD BEAU (to Messenger Boy): What did the young lady say when you gave her my flowers?

MESSENGER BOY: She asked the young fellow she was sitting on the porch with if he didn't want some



Harold: HULLY GEE! GET ON TO DE CIGAROOT, WILL YER!

Maud: AH, WHAT'S DE MATTER WID YER? DOES YER SUPPOSE YOUSE MEN IS DE ON'Y ONES WOT KIN INJOY DE WEED?

A Devastated Avenue.

T is reported that the management of the Horse Show are planning no less an out-of-door event for this fall than a test of hunters on Fifth Avenue. A steeplechase on that avenue would be far too dangerous, of course, but hunters that can go at their leisure from Washington Square to the Park without traveling on the sidewalks or breaking any bones will receive prizes for cleverness.

Meanwhile the avenue continues to be blasted by contractors and damned by all New York. The job of ditching and paving it was a big one, but it seems to have been very, very long drawn out.

Presence of Mind.

E (just introduced): What a very homely person that gentleman near the piano is, Mrs. Black.

SHE: Isn't he! That is Mr. Black. "How true it is, Mrs. Black, that the homely men always get the prettiest wives!"



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As Told by the Girl.

IN THREE CONVERSATIONS. (1.)

I HAD a premonition the moment I heard the quick steps behind me, which was verified by a voice over my shoulder saying:

"How d'ye do, Miss Towneshend?"

I had no need to turn, for he was at my side in a breath's space, and had joined his step with mine.

"What a tremendous stride you've got!" he went on, before I could return his greeting. "I've been chasing you for three blocks."

"Have you?" said I, with a flutter.
"Why didn't you whistle?"

"I would have, if I had dared," he answered, looking down at me in a queer little way that fairly made me tingle—though, thank Heaven! the wind was blowing a gale; excuse enough for flushed cheeks.

"Since when have you added timidity to your other virtues, Mr. Appleton?" I managed to say, fully conscious that it was a futile remark.

"Ever since I've known you," he replied quickly, with anything but an air of cowardice; but, fortunately, just then diversion was at hand in a quarrel that Brute had managed to pick with a cocker-spaniel. (Brute is the most beautiful Boston terrier that was ever bred, and a present from Tim Appleton himself.) Quick and decisive action was necessary, for the little beasts had worked themselves into a silly fury, and it was furnished by Tim-I have a right to think of him as Tim-who soon had them apart, and Brute on the chain, "You little beggar," he said, "aren't you ashamed of yourself?" Then on we went up the avenue, Brute tugging away with not even an expression of contriteness.

At Fifty-fourth Street my errand

took me east—I had never known the walk to Kitty's house to be so short—and he bade me good-by with a cheery smile, and an admonition about Brute. Three minutes later Kitty was pulling off my wraps and deluging me with questions. "Did you get my note? Were you surprised? What a dear you are, to have come so soon, Sally. You must stay to luncheon; there's not a soul at home. Why weren't you at the opera last night? Are you going to the Keiths' dance Thursday?"

"Yes, to everything," I said gayly, "but the opera—and a raging headache kept me home from that."

"You poor thing!" she answered, patting my cheek, sympathy gleaming from her eyes. She's like some delicate stringed instrument, responsive to everyone's moods, gay or sombre, happy or sad.

"But come," I said, shaking a daintily crested note at her—we had adjourned to her den upstairs—"what is the meaning of this?" and I unfolded and read: "Come to me as soon as possible; it is important. Ever yours, Kitty."

She seemed a shade embarrassed at first, and cast her eyes down to where her foot was tapping at a spot in the carpet, but it passed in a second's time, and she looked up and at me quite frankly, though with a seriousness that was new to me.

"Sally," she said, "I've known you ever so long; it seems almost ages since we were tots together."

"Yes."

"We've grown up together, and I've come to know in my stupid way that you are not like other girls—"
"Oh, Kitty dear!" I interrupted.

"No, hear me out," she went on,

"then you can have your say." I subsided, wonderingly, and she continued:

"You look at things in a bigger way than the rest of us; you seem to have the sense of things—you—you—oh, Sally, I can't say what I want, but you are strong, and honest, and fearless, and I—I want you to tell me."

The poor child was on the edge of sively.

tears, and I drew her down gently beside me.

"What is it, dear - are you in trouble?"

"The greatest trouble, Sally, and I don't know which way to turn. If I only knew the right, the real thing to do, it wouldn't bother; but I don't."

She said this in such a hopeless, despairing little way, that my lips almost quivered into a smile; but I soon had them in order, and replied: "And you want my advice?"

"Yes, that's just it," she answered.

"Then tell me all about it."

She followed the seam of her handkerchief around three sides with bent eyes, very slowly and very carefully, before she spoke; then it came with a quaver: "Sally, I'm in love."

"You darling!" I gasped. "Is that all?" And I kissed back the answer three times before it eluded

"No, it's not all—he doesn't know it." she answered, dolefully.

"Of course he doesn't know it," I snapped out. "What right has he to know it?"

"No right—no right, I suppose; and that's why I'm so unhappy."

"I don't understand—what do you mean?"

"I mean that he'll never know—unless—unless I tell him!"

"Is he blind?"

"He seems to be," she answered, almost pathetically.

"And where does my advice come in?" asked I, rather vaguely, really at sea.

She stood up before me and spoke very deliberately, her eyes blazing at me and her cheeks like coals.

"I want you to tell me," she said, "whether I can tell him that I love him."

"Kitty!" I gasped.

"There, I knew you'd despise me. You do, don't you?" she questioned, vehemently.

"No," faltered I. "I don't."

"What! you think I might — it would not be wrong?"

"Who is he?" said I, a trifle eva-



"YES, THAT'S JUST IT," SHE ANSWERED.

direct answer.

preconceived idea turned upside self up with a righteous indignation.

"Tell me first what I ask you." down. "No," I answered, with de- The wrongs of our sex seemed all at She was on her knees once more, cision. "It is not wrong. Why once to cry out, through me, for rightclose beside me, her eyes compelling should we poor women be bound by ing. Kitty simply looked at me in an the stupid convention of centuries? ecstasy, but at last brought me to A thousand thoughts seemed to Let us throw off our shackles and earth with: "Sally, how fine you whirl through my head, and every stand free!" I had quite worked my- are!"

"Oh, fudge!" said I, feeling foolish.

"Tell me now, who is he?"

"You could never guess."

"I sha'n't try, for I don't deserve to be kept in suspense."

"You sha'n't, dear," she said, hugging me. "He's Tim Appleton."

"Tim Appleton! '

"Yes, dear. Are you surprised?"

"Oh!" was the only sound I could make. I could hardly breathe. Really, I must not wear my stays so tight. Just then the maid announced luncheon.

Louis Evan Shipman.

First Trousers.

ITTLE man, little man, With your little trousers blue, I wish that I were happy, My little man, like you. Is there ever anything in life That gives such pleasure true As this first pair of trousers, So stunning and so new!

Little man, little man,

You with sturdy stride and bold, Pray, have you seen my baby boy? He passed this way, I'm told.

His little dress is fresh and white, His clustering curls are gold-He's naught else but a baby,

For he's but three years old! Little man, little man,

Why, can it really be? When I ask if you've seen him, You say that you are he!

You, with your stride and trousers, And magic pockets three!

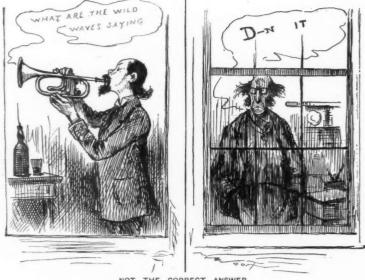
'Tis quite hard to believe it, You look so strange to me. Susie Dawson Brown.

HOW do you find the stock market?"

Still There.

"Simply unbearable."

HAT dreary city of Worms on the Rhine boasts, besides its Liebfraumilch, patent leather, brewing academies and Nibelung legends, of one of the most handsome monuments in Germany. Here Luther is shown surrounded by other prominent Reformers-Huss, Calvin, etc. Below the twice life-sized statue, · LIFE ·



NOT THE CORRECT ANSWER.



King of Beasts: IF I WERN'T TAKING ANTI-FAT I'D GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO BE FRIGHTENED ABOUT!

showing Luther in the attitude he assumed when before the Reichstag, are hewn the words he then uttered, being translated as follows:

"Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen."

A few years ago a gentleman, now residing in New Orleans, returned to his native city Worms for a visit. Upon his return eager friends surrounded him, questioning about the city, its landmarks and its people. "The people," the New Orleansian

replied, "ah, the people! Well, I didn't see many of my former acquaintances. The old folks have died, the younger element has emigrated, except-yes, except old Mr. Luther, he's still there, and under him these words:

"Here I stand, I can't do otherwise."

EW men get money without wishing they'd secured something else, and no man secures anything else without wishing he'd got money.

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IT IS SOMETIMES DISCOURAGING FOR AN AMAT WHEN DOING HIS BEST IN A



APPRECIATIVE.

OR AN AMATEUR TO GLANCE AT THE AUDIENCE IS BEST IN A TRAGIC SCENE.

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"In Town" and About Town.

HE portrait below is of one of Mr. Charles Frohman's regular customers. Seeing his name liberally displayed in the advertisements as originator, creator, instigator and general promulgator of "In Town," as well as of every other theatrical enterprise on earth, she went to see this latest choice cut imported from England for the American trade. The lady came to laugh and remained to weep, and "In Town" fully deserves the tribute of any



one's tears. It is one of the dreariest and ghastliest attempts at humorousness which England has sent to us for a long time, and that is saying a great deal.

As a confidence game, "In Town" is a success. It has lured quite a number of two-dollar bills from the pockets of incautious theatre-goers. Two dollars (which by the speculator device really means two dollars and a half) is a good price to pay for a seat at a first-rate play. To ask and get that amount of money for such a performance as "In Town" takes all the romantic glamour away from highway robbery, and destroys all the usefulness of the sandbag as a means of acquiring wealth. "In Town" would make the brassiest goldbrick ever plated shed its veneer.

It pretends to be a burlesque, which term suggests some idea of fun. It contains no fun-not even British fun. Its music is commonplace to the extent of being unnoticeable. The piece has not even the shadow of a story. It has neither situations nor attractive groupings. It hasn't anything.

The "Gaiety" show as we have come to understand it is principally the gathering of a number of pretty women in attractive gowns, catchy songs and graceful dances, calculated especially to allure what is known as the "Johnny" element. In this case even the Johnnies are not likely to become excited to the point of haunting the stage door. The pretty women are comparatively few in number, and "In Town" gives them nothing to do, with the exception of giving pretty Miss Studholme opportunities to display her pearly teeth. which are already familiar to the readers of LIFE through the advertisement of a popular dentifrice.

"In Town" is too insipid a British fruit to be successfully grafted on the tree of American success.

American, is Mr. Charles Hoyt's "A Stranger in New York." His people, notably Mr. Harry Conor, have talent to bring out the humor assigned to their respective characters, some of which are recognizable New York types. Mr. Hoyt is perfectly frank in stating that he writes not to elevate or educate his patrons, but to amuse them. He certainly gives value received, and for every cent one pays for admission one gets a laugh.

COAT of Many Colors," in which Mr. Herbert Kelcey and Miss Effie Shannon start out to be joint stars, might better be termed an illustrated rebus than a play. Every incident proposes a fresh riddle to the innocent spectator. A mixed-up telegram, a misdelivered letter, an ambiguous child of hazy parentage, all jumbled together with a lot of irrelevant, incompetent and immaterial personages who have little. if anything, to do with the plot, make one wish for so simple a conundrum as "When is a door not a door." Not even the abused Mr. Shakespeare would be AR funnier, far more ingenious in willing to let his reputation go down to construction, and thoroughly posterity as attaching the name of



"ISAAC, SEE DOT BERSCRIPTION VAT BLEW OUT OF DER DOCTOR, S BUGGY. IS IT VORT ANYTINGS ?"

" VAT A GUESTION! DO YOU TINK DOT NOBODY VILL NEVER BE SICK ?"

"comedy" to such a conglomeration of misfit and antiquated stage material.

Mr. Kelcey as Florian Talboys will be recognized as the Mr. Kelcey of the Lyceum Theatre with this difference-that, having attained the dignity of stardom, he no longer "shoots" his cuffs nor bites his

nails in perilous moments. Miss Shannon is really improved by her increased responsibilities. She has achieved some maturity and robustness of manner. and has diminished the whining quality in her voice. Mr. Kelcev and Miss Shannon as stars are certainly no better than Mr. Willie and Mrs. Madge Kendal. But they also have a legal right to ask people to pay to see them act. Metcalfe.

Nearness.

DRAW her closer; in her eyes I see Shadows of dreams, and tender thoughts of me. Her lips are raised to mine, and I, alas! I draw her closer-with my opera-glass.

Some Advantages of Death.

Y my faith, D Peggy," remarked the wraith of David Garrick to the spirit of Mistress Woffington, "it. is o'er well I lived and died when I did, else to what ignominy would I have come in this nineteenth century. Odsfish! I doubt not I should have been reduced to one-night stands in the back prov-

damned with contumely by the fin de siècle wits."

"More like, Davy," said Mistress Peg, "you would have been spouting the famous 'Soliloquy' behind a protecting screen at some variety playhouse. 'Fore God, when all is said, methinks we both have much to be thankful for in that we existed in a theatre. 'Snails, what a music hall per- swear my 'Isabella' would have brought



A THOUGHTFUL MAIDEN.

"ISN'T THAT THE YOUNG MAN YOU WERE ENGAGED TO?" "YES, AUNTIE."
"BUT WHY DID YOU BREAK IT?"

"HE BELIEVES IN THE GERM THEORY, AND THAT KISSING IS DANGEROUS." "BUT SURELY THAT IS RIGHT AND PROPER."

"IN A SCIENTIST, YES; BUT NOT IN A HUSBAND."

things would be the undoing of us for a certainty."

The shade of Kitty Clive, standing near, laughed with forced gayety.

"I agree with you," she exclaimed. "I can see myself exploding gags, like torpedoes, on some cheerless roof-garden, or in a 'continuous performance'

inces, and my 'Hamlet' have been more primitive age. The new order of former I should have made! Is't not so, Sally?"-to the shade of Sarah Siddons.

> "Out, wench, on your impertinent familiarity!" quoth the great tragedienne. "I am 'Sally' to none but my ever faithful husband. Nathless, I must perforce admit that your hoydenish ways would have given you some advantage over Mr. Garrick and myself. I dare

me to the pawnshop, Mistress Clive; and as for Mr. Garrick, I can fancy him striding in stately fashion along the Rialto with none so poor to do him reverence."

"Or to proffer me a needed tipple!" added Mr. Garrick, with his homely bluntness. "Even so, gadsfaith! And you, Mistress Nell, without your king, would continue to sell Levant oranges in Lewkinor Street, and the world be none the wiser for your charms, eh?"

"Perhaps," replied the shade of Nell Gwyn, with a perky toss of her head, "perhaps, Davy, or what's worse, I would be singing in the chorus at six dollars the week, and trying to support that ungracious mother o' mine. And now I think on't, I begin to realize, gadzooks, what a blessing it is to be dead these hundred years!"

"I' faith, then," put in Peg Woffington, "the five of us have had a narrow escape from being born too late. It is a fine thing, my dears, to live at the right time and to die at the right time. Is't not so?"

And the sentiment was endorsed by acclamation. Arthur Grissom.

HE rich are miserable because they have discovered that money cannot buy happiness, and the poor are wretched because they have not enough money to make the experiment.

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Language.

HIS conversation was overheard in a railway car:

"Usen't you to work for the B. & O?"

"Yes, I used; usen't you?"

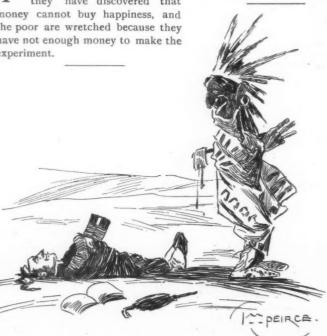
"Yes, I used. I thought you

Right here in America we have dialects waiting to be coined into money by story-writers with a gift for business.

Another Landmark Threatened.

T is rumored that the Philadelphia Assemblies, which

date from 1740, are to be abandoned. They are too big, it seems, and the subscribers think them deficient in exclusiveness. Eleven hundred names are said to be on the subscription list, and it would appear that there are not that many people in Philadelphia whose social qualifications are satisfactory to one another. It may be necessary that the Assemblies should perish, but LIFE hates to hear of changes in Philadelphia. We ought to have at least one conservative, old-fogy city, if only to mark the changes in the others.



Angel-of-Peace: THAT'S THE THIRD GOOD THING I'VE DONE THIS WEEK!



"SAY, BILL, DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT MATCHES WERE MADE IN HEAVEN ? "

[&]quot; WHY, YES."

[&]quot;WELL, YER CAN'T FOOL ME ON THE SMELL OF THAT ONE."

Plutarch's Lives to Date. CATO REEDIMUS, THE CENSOR.

reply:

HOMAS CATO REEDIMUS, the Censor, being from the Maine Province, was naturally of

a dry humor. To one who asked concerning his memorable congressional career, he made

"I came, I saw, I ran Con-

gress!" He was a statesman of Falstaffian girth, Brobdingnagian height, Websterian brain and offensive partisanship. The son of poor but honest parents, he received such an education, in arithmetic particularly, that he was able later in life to count a quorum with his eyes shut. As a youth he was so devout that he prepared for the ministry at Bowdoin College, but his piety was all of the "early" variety. It was plainly evident during the Fifty-first Congress that he had forgotten all about the golden rule when he framed the rules of

Nor was he at all ashamed. We are told that a Western tribune who had been chairman of a vigilance committee once boasted to Cato Reedimus that, with a rope, he had aided in shutting off the breath of twenty men.

"Only twenty?" cried the Censor. "I once choked off an entire Congress!" His first experience as a presiding officer was as pedagogue in a country school. One day a special committee of the larger boys attempted to put him out of the window, but he raised both hands, a big ruler and a point of order against the proceedings, and the special committee adjourned sine die for repairs.

In 1876 Cato Reedimus invaded Congress, where his simple manners and frugality were at once conspicuous. He lived modestly in two rooms, rode a bicycle to save car fare, and was so conservative concerning government expenditures that he held the Fifty-first Congress down to a paltry billion dollars. As Censor of that Congress he counted quorums and shut off debate until the capital resounded with the wreck of rules, the crash of precedents, and the

inarticulate profanity of throttled tribunes. The following November a landslide struck his party just abaft the collar button, and the newspapers printed Cato Reedimus obituaries by the column.

Only the good die young, and consequently Cato Reedimus was not dead but sleeping. He awakened ere long and again bestrode the House of Tribunes like an obese Colossus with a twenty-four collar. Reedimus had the collar for the Republicanus majority, which knew not its whereatness until he told it, and day after day he gave the minority what is known in Greek as the "Dingley dinkimus." Every time his ponderous gavel fell the Spirit of Liberty needed a new solar plexus.

At this time it befell that Lycurgus McKinlius, the Law Giver, who had been

chosen Consul of the Republic, called together the tribunes in special session to tinker the tariff, likewise to sugar it. Although of the same party, Reedimus loved McKinlius nitimus, having been an "also ran" to the Law Giver in the great Consulship Nomination Selling Race; but at the behest of McKinlius he uncorked the House long enough to let the sugar-coated tariff bill run out. Then he corked the House up again and laid it on the shelf. As a corker he displayed even greater genius than as a quorum counter.

It is said that during this period a schoolboy, thirsting for knowledge of the Constitution, asked Cato Reedimus one day what composed the Congress of the country.

"Me and the Senate," was the reply.



She: IT'S A PICTURESQUE COSTUME, ISN'T IT? "YES, BUT IT WOULDN'T BE BECOMING TO EVERYBODY."



ALREADY the effects of the law in Massachusetts forbidding the wearing of birds on hats are being felt. Leominster women are considering the question of removing hats in church. Who cares about wearing a hat in church if it hasn't a high-priced bird poised among its ribbons and flowers?

-Lewiston (Me.) Tournal.

IT was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon that the sheriff of Bucks county rode up to Bill Hooper's cabin at the foot of the mountain to arrest the man on a warrant charging him with stealing corn. Bill's wife sat in the open door with a pipe in her mouth, and as the officer came along up she inquired:

"Sam Davis, you are just the man I wanted to see. I've heard you talk a heap about the Bible, and I want to ax you if you really believe that story about Joner and the whale?"

"Of course I do," was the reply-"of course. Is Bill around to-day?"

"How big a man was Joner?" persisted the woman. "Bout as big as I am, I reckon. Did you say Bill was off huntin'?'

And did the whale swaller him head-fust or feetfust?" continued the woman, as she crowded some fresh tobacco into her pipe.

Head-fust, I reckon, though I ain't disputin' 'bout it and raisin' a row. Elder Dickman says it was feetfust, but he wasn't thar no more'n me. If Bill is around home I'd like to see him a minit."

"But how did Joner live down thar in that whale till he was cut out?"

"Dunno; but he went right on livin'. I can't say why the airth goes 'round, but I know that she do. Mebbe Bill is in bed and asleep, Mrs. Hooper?"

"What gits me," continued the woman, calmly

ignoring all questions about her husband, "is why that whale didn't hang on to Joner when he had him. What did he cast him up fur?

"Can't say," replied the sheriff, "but I reckon the Lord wanted things the way they was, and so they turned out as they did. I was speakin' to you about Bill-whar is he?

"Bill? Oh, Bill is to home to-day."

"Kin I see him?"

"Fur suah. When you rid up he was cleanin' his gun out back o' the house, but I reckon he's ready fur you by this time. Jest step around the co'ner.

The sheriff stepped and ran against the muzzle of a shotgun held in Bill's hand. As he recoiled a step or two Bill asked:

Was you lookin' fur me, Sam?"

"I was," replied the officer. "Yes, I jest stopped a minit to say howdy and to remark that your ole woman ain't no fule, and hevin' said it I'll be going back to Nice day, Bill-good evenin' to you, Mrs. Hooper!"-Philadelphia Press.

BEFORE the days of chloroform there was a quack in San Francisco who advertised tooth drawing without pain. The patient was placed in a chair and a wrench given, when he roared violently. "I thought you said there was no pain." "So there is not by my process. That is Cartwright's way. That's the way he does it. It's very different from mine." Another tug, and a still more violent howl. "That's the way Dumerge pulls teeth," said the unabashed practitioner. "You don't like it, no doubt. Who would?" Another twist was given, and the patient, as a rule, howled worse than ever. "That," the dentist says, "is Parkinson's mode." By this time the tooth was nearly out. "I will now," he said, "display my own method," whereupon he

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triumphantly withdrew the tooth and held it up inspection. "You observe that by my truly soin process there is really no pain whatever."

A nouveau riche named Mason succeeded in join the Jockey Club in London, the most exclusive cle England. Being somewhat noisy and offensive in card-room one afternoon, Lord Cavendish said to "Look here, Mason, if you will resign from this I will give you five hundred pounds." Mason lef room in high indignation, and meeting the Marqui Queensberry on the stairway, related the inciadding: "Now, what shall I do about this?" stand pat," said Queensberry, after a moment's me tion, "and I think he will make it a thousand pour

An old lawyer in Paris had instructed his clien weep every time he struck the desk with his hand, forgot and struck the desk at the wrong moment. promptly fell to sobbing and weeping.

"What is the matter with you?" asked the Ju "Well, he told me to cry as often as he struck

"Gentlemen of the jury," cried the unabashed yer, "let me ask you how you can reconcile the ide crime in connection with such candor and simplic _L'Illustrati

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APPLICANT: Oh, well, I can get a diorce.-Fliegende Blätter.

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A DENVER gambler named Dougherty, while in New York, where he found the games too slow for him, heard that a pretty stiff game of poker was being played in Persia. So to Persia Dougherty sailed, and he was soon popular among the young princes, even if he could not talk Persian. They play poker somewhat differently there from what we do in this country. There never is any money in sight. A man-sits near the table and records the bets, and a settlement is made after the game is over. This bookkeeper is also a linguist, and whenever foreigners play with these princes, as in Dougherty's case, he tells of the "raises." One night Dougherty had been trailing in on nearly every hand, only to be beaten in the "show-down." Finally he caught a pair of sixes about the time one of the princes caught four of a kind. There had been a deal of "jollying" and "horse-play" going on all the night. Dougherty, of course, could not understand the words that were being spilled out around him every second, but he never said anything or looked interested. He would simply skin his cards, come in when he wanted to or lay down, just as the notion struck him. When he picked up his sixes, he looked the Persian in the eye, and the Persian laughed. "Tru-le-lu," said the Persian. "Guying me, I reckon," said Dougherty, "but I'll give you some of your own sort of words. Tru-le-lum." "Tru-le-lili-lo," said the Persian. "Tru-le-lele-lili-lole-lum," replied Dougherty; but before he could get the words out of his mouth, the young prince threw down his four of a kind, kicked the table over, fell forward on a sofa lying near, and broke out in a sob. "Heavens, man!" exclaimed the interpreter, "you raised him 'leven millions that time!"-Argonaut.

FREDERICK LOCKER LAMPSON told a story of Bedford, the great English bookbinder, which illustrates clearly the nature of the collector. "He once sent me home a little book which I considered unsatisfactory. The volume did not shut properly. It gaped. When I pointed out this grievous defect to Bedford, his only remark was, 'Why, bless me, sir, you've been reading it!

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He was unmistakably right. The imprint of the thumb and fingers, forced into the flesh in a singularly ferocious, sprawling and awkward manner, was shown in the photograph with absolute clearness. The prosecution, taken wholly by surprise, blustered and made attempts to assail the evidence, but without success. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Meanwhile the prisoner had fainted, and his gag and bonds had been removed, but he recovered at the moment when the verdict was announced He staggered to his feet, and his eyes rolled; then, with a thick tongue, he exclaimed:

"It was the left arm that did it! This one"-holding his right arm as high as he could reach-" never made a mistake. It was always the left one. A spirit of mischief and murder was in it. I cut it off in a sawmill, but the spirit stayed where the arm used to be, and it choked this man to death. I didn't want you to acquit me. I wanted you to hang me. I can't go through life having this thing haunting me and spoiling my business and making a murderer of me. It tries to choke me while I sleep. There it is! Can't you

see it?" And he looked with wide-staring eyes at his left side.
"Mr. Sheriff," gravely said the judge, "take this man before the commissioners of lunacy to-morrow."-Lippincott's.

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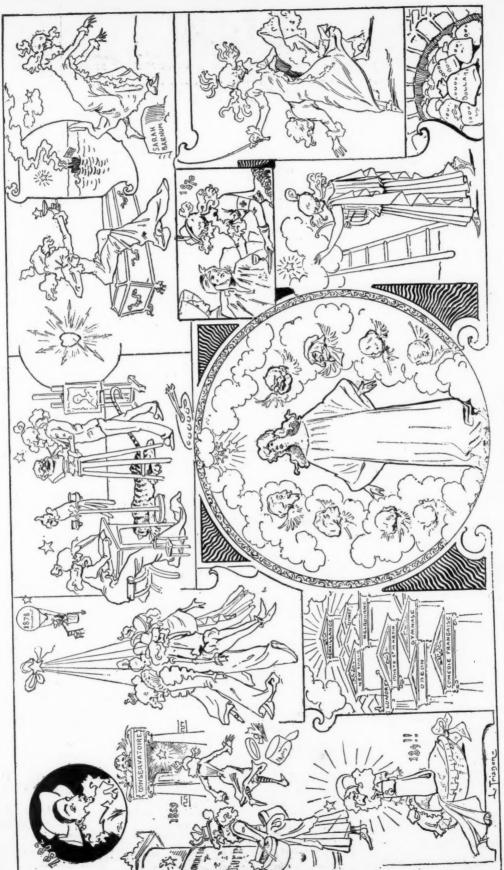
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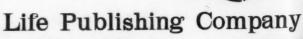
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